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PREPARE SURFACES OF)
P-CdTe FILMS)

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Sir:

In reply to the Official Action of November 11, 2000, which rejected the claims in the above-identified patent application, applicant respectfully request reconsideration, based upon the amendments hereinafter set forth.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice.

1. (Twice Amended) A dry process for making a low-resistance uniform and reproducible surface for electrical contact between a metal and a layer of polycrystalline p-type CdTe surface by ion beam processing comprising:

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